



**JOSEPHINE COUNTY / CITY OF GRANTS PASS
SOLID WASTE AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES
August 16, 2016**

Meeting convened at 3:12 P.M.

Agency Board Members Present:

Rob Brandes (arrived at 3:35 P.M.)
Connie Roach
Lora Glover
Rick Riker
Dave Reeves (Convened the meeting)
Mike Bollweg
Brad Carlson

Agency Board Members Absent:

none

Others: Shea Sigafous, Recycling Coordinator, Southern Oregon Sanitation
Trent Carpenter, Operations manager, Southern Oregon Sanitation
Dave Marland, Master Recycler
Kate Lasky, Josephine Community Library Executive Director
Modeline Shannon, Grants Pass Daily Courier, City Reporter

Staff: Jason Canady, Operations Officer
Linda Gay, Minute Recorder

Dave Reeves called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m. There was a quorum so the meeting proceeded.

1. Approval of minutes from July 19, 2016 meetings.

Mike Bollweg made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 19, 2016.

Rick Riker seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

2. Funding Request from Josephine Community Libraries-Aspire Book Recycling – Kate Lasky

Kate presented a funding request to the Board to recycle donated books that cannot be used in the library. Kate stated that the library receives hundreds of donated books but only some are acceptable for library use. The reason the library cannot accept all the donated books is that some books are very old and not practical; such as, Typing from 1959, or too many copies of one single book title. The volunteers are the ones that receive the books and they accept all books regardless if the library needs them or not.

However, before the hardback books can be recycled they have to have their covers removed, as the spines and covers are not recyclable. In the past, the library had an agreement with Aspire but they do not operate that program anymore. The actual job of ripping the books is very physical and hard for the volunteers.

The proposal is a request to the Solid Waste Agency to help the Josephine Community Library recycle the books by paying for one person from Aspire to work 10 hours a week. The library estimated the time by taking a yearly average, even though time spent recycling the books fluctuates. They are confident that an average of one person for 10 hours a week would be sufficient. The Josephine Community Library volunteers would match that time or fill in where needed. This proposal will allow the library to continue to receive all hardbound book donations, whether usable or not and to be able to recycle them.

A question was brought up regarding the hourly wage of an Aspire employee and Kate responded that it is \$13.69/hr, which equates to a basic annual salary of \$7,119 for the year, equaling the amount of the funding request. Kate stated this is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers and Aspire personnel to work together and as an added bonus, the recycling benefits. The library would like to approach the board with the same funding request next year.

Dave Marland, Master Recycler, stated that the Evans Valley School in Wimer would load up all their old books and haul them to Aspire to have all the pages torn out to be recycled. He went on to say that, there was a wage dispute by a parent and it was found out that the section of Aspire was not ADA compliant and had to halt operations. The School next went to the Gospel Rescue Mission, they used a big machine that would cut the pages out, and then it could be recycled into the comingled bin. Dave said he has been on the lookout for that machine since it is no longer at the Gospel Rescue Mission because there are many schools etc. that would benefit using it for recycling.

Dave Reeves voiced concern that the Solid Waste Agency Board has specifically stated that they will not fund the hiring of individuals. This funding request is specifically stating that the funds would go to hiring an individual, for an organization that is not even part of the SWA. Brad agreed with Dave regarding the Solid Waste Agency policy. Rick asked Kate if the funding request could be a project rather than

an individual. Dave concurred that funds could be given as a project, but not for an individual.

A discussion ensued that perhaps the funding request could be a different amount, showing that it would be used as a project and not a wage amount. In this manner, the funds are for a project. Dave suggested that a follow-up report be presented to the board showing the use of the funds. Some examples would be how many pounds are recycled or how many books did not have to go to the landfill and could be recycled. It was suggested that the funding request be on a yearly basis instead of quarterly. In addition, it will more likely be funded in the future if presented as a project.

Jason suggests that just the abstract part of the funding request be revised to show intent to use the funds for recycling.

Brad Carlson made a motion to approve the revised Josephine Community Library, Inc-Aspire Book Recycling Funding Request in the amount of \$7100. Connie Roach seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

3. Other Business-

Household Hazardous Waste Event – Shea Sigafous

Shea asked if the Solid Waste Agency Board would still reimburse Southern Oregon Sanitation for vehicle entrance fee into the Household Hazardous Waste Event. The Board feels this is a good event and the SWA would continue to fund. Mike Bollweg made a motion to approve the request to fund car entry expense at the Household Hazardous Waste Event by Southern Oregon Sanitation. Connie Roach seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

Commissioners meeting with SWA Board Members- Connie Roach and Rob Brandes

Connie and Rob met with the Josephine County Commissioners to discuss all the projects of the SWA and how many of those projects specifically benefitted Josephine County. This meeting was to help them understand when and how projects come before the SWA requesting funding as opposed to applying for a grant that would be earmarked projects. One concern of the Commissioners was that several schools are coming before the SWA Board to request funds for asbestos removal and their concern that it would open the floodgates for other individuals to request funding on the same issues. Mike thought that since the funding requests were concerning children and the public and not to private requests, there should not be a problem. Rob stated he spoke to James Lowe regarding the school district and funding requests and where the Commissioners were thinking they could apply for grants.

4. Agenda building for next meeting – September 20, 2016

1. Cave Junction Fall Tire Event – Mike Bollweg
2. Revised Financial Policies Procedures – Jason Canady

3. Kerby Landfill Project Update

Adjourn 3:36 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Household Hazardous Waste – Sept. 16, 2016 Commercial / Sept. 17 Residential
Cave Junction Tire Event – TBA